

REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner rejected claims 15-19, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldblum. The Examiner also rejected claims 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldblum in view of Fagrell. Withdrawn claims 1-14, as well as claims 15-24, have been canceled. New claims 25-40 have been added. Claims 25-40 require that the amplitude of the microwave radiation is modified at selected frequencies so that the resulting power spectrum is uniform with respect to frequency. Neither Goldblum, which is directed toward modifying the impedance or resonance of the chamber, nor any of the art cited disclose this limitation.


In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Being filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to March 3, 2006 with the appropriate fee. Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213. A duplicate of the Petition paper is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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